



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the  
3 State of Illinois are pleased to recognize milestone events for  
4 institutions in the State; and

5 WHEREAS, Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School's parish in  
6 Collinsville was founded in 1856; the first school was started  
7 by Father S. Wegener, and the first students graduated in 1869;  
8 in 1884, Ursuline nuns arrived to run the school; the first  
9 principal was Mother Clara Spang; in 1894, a brick school was  
10 built at a cost of \$5,500, and the current school building was  
11 completed in 1958; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1993, the school had its first lay principal,  
13 Mrs. Cathy McGarrahan, and the current principal, Mr. Mike  
14 Palmer, began in 2003; the highest enrollment at Saints Peter  
15 and Paul Catholic School was in the 1960s, when over 600  
16 students were enrolled; and

17 WHEREAS, The Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School family  
18 will celebrate a liturgy on Wednesday, February 2, 2005, to  
19 close the school's 135th anniversary; therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
21 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
22 we congratulate the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School  
23 family on the occasion of the school's 135th anniversary; and  
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
26 presented to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic School in  
27 Collinsville as an expression of our esteem and with best  
28 wishes for the school's future success.